



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

09 Jan 2014

Meeting Convened at 1130 hours with President Terry Turner presiding, quorum declared.

1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. Invocation: Trustee Don Sullivan led with the Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance led by: President Terry Turner
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: Mike Bartels
- d. Airman's Creed rendered by: Greg Reyes

2. Members Present:	Terry Turner	Michael Mooney	Latoya Irving	Don Sullivan
	Mike Bartels	Mary Rokitka	Shelby Platt	Tim Ossinger
	Michael Mooney	Eric Dale	Tyron Taylor	Kay Pivrnec
	Nick Pivrnec	Frederick Schlag	Clayton Moore	Jeffrey Echererry
	Andrew Lowe	Michelle Devinney	Sarah Dron	Jose Magana
	Orlando Soumary	Greg Reyes	Kline Brandon	Brett Diaz
	Derick Heflin	Jacob Cox	Charity Dice	Bianca Locust
	Trenell Brown	Jake Schroder	James White	Chris Griffin
	Rebecca Macchio	Erica Flint	Philip Acosta	Angel Rush

3. Special welcome:

Guest: Sarah Dron (FNB) Michael Devinney (FNB)

The new attendees Jake Schroder, James White, Chris Griffin, Rebecca Macchio, Erica Flint, Philip Acosta, Trenell Brown, Angel Rush introduced themselves.

4. Reports:

- A. Secretary's Report:** Secretary Latoya Irving reported that Dec GM Minutes and Jan EC Minutes are completed and were distributed via our list server and posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>. Motion to accept Trustee Tim Ossinger 2nd by Treasurer Mary Rokitka, motioned passed.
- B. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mary Rokitka provided a comprehensive briefing of the Dec 2013 Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept, Frederick Schlag, 2nd by AAC Shelby Platt motion passed.
- C. Team Tinker/Quarterly:** Trustee Don Sullivan briefed that the December AFSA Team Tinker was distributed via our list server this morning and will be posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>.
- D. Legislative:** President Terry Turner briefed the January legislative report and answered any questions.
- E. Activities and Programs:** Trustee Charity Dice is appointed as the new Activities and Program Chair, and will provide a listing of activities and programs during February 13, 2014 GM meeting.
- F. Airman Activities Coordinator(s):** AAC Shelby Platt briefed that she Program distributed 7 notices via our list server to over 4,540 subscribers offering volunteer opportunities for the AFSA Traveling Christmas Road Show (5), Smith Cemetery Laying of Wreaths (1), Veterans Home Christmas Party in Norman (1), VA Bingo (16), City Rescue Mission (2), Red Andrews Annual Christmas Dinner (4), and OKC Regional Food Bank Rock N' Box (5)

- 34 Volunteers for December, 112 Total Hours of Community Service
 - 5 Volunteers for the AFSA Traveling Christmas Road Show
 - 1 Volunteer for the Smith Cemetery Laying of Wreaths
 - 1 Volunteer for the Veterans Home Christmas Party in Norman
 - 16 Volunteers for the VA Bingo
 - 2 Volunteers for the City Rescue Mission
 - 4 Volunteers for the Red Andrews Annual Christmas Dinner
 - 5 Volunteers for the Regional Food Bank, Rock N' Box

New events for January

- Military Welcome Center – 4, 11, 18, and the 25th
- Oklahoma Special Olympics – 11 January
- OKC Regional Food Bank – 15 and 28 January
- VA Bingo – 20 January
- City Rescue Mission – 25 January

G. Membership: Vice President Michael Mooney reported a membership summary:

1. **New Members:** December 2013 as follow: 38 new members recruited resulting in a total of 245 new members recruited year-to-date from 11 different recruiters; and a total strength of 1,890 total members (1788 active and 102 lapsed). First Member of the Year: Philip Acosta
2. **Recruiting Opportunities:**
 - a. **Membership Drives: TBD**
3. **Renewal/Retentions:** 3 members retained this month, 31 YTD from 6 different retainers.
4. **Lapsed Member Roster:** Reported we have 102 members on the lapsed roster.
5. **Bad Address List:** Vice President Mooney advised 35 members are on the Bad Address Listing (BAL), Efforts to correct the list are ongoing.
6. For the year 2013, our chapter produced 1 SKYhighers and no HIGHfliers

H. Communications: Trustee Don Sullivan reports that the Sep-Dec Thunderbird News preparation is underway. If you have an article to submit, please send to Don Sullivan ddsullivan@cox.net.

I. Webmaster/Content: We had 879 unique visitors and a total of 4,575 list server subscribers to our web site in December. Total unique visitors for 2013 YTD are 14,596.

2. Old Business

A. Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). Chapter 985 was accepted as a certifying organization. Our volunteers need to register at www.presidentialserviceawards.gov and use Record of Service Key **BHH-51436** to track volunteer activities. Once hourly milestones are reached, volunteer will be recognized at appropriate time with letter from President, certificate, and lapel pin according to achievement level. Volunteers need to log in to track volunteer hours for the Chapter. Keep tracking volunteer hours; the Chapter will report them at the end of the year. President Terry Turner appointed Trustee Rachael Long to identify and log volunteer hours for chapter members. Volunteer hours need to be input NLT 31 Dec 2013. All members are current as of 10 Oct 2013. All members are current as of All members are current as of 10 Oct 2013. Don Sullivan motioned at December's Executive Council meeting to use up to \$350.00 to purchase materials for this project; pins, certificates, etc. Mike Mooney seconded, motion carried. **(Item Open)**.

B. Chapter Education Grants: President Terry Turner emailed announcement via our list server; resent with new deadline date. Clayton Moore was presented a \$250.00 check by President Terry Turner.

(Item Open).

- C. Tulsa Quarterly General Membership Meeting (Date, Time, Place, Etc):** President Terry Turner briefed that due to weather the ANG Wing Commander cancelled the meeting. Rescheduling is expected January-March 2014 time frame. **(Item Open).**
- D. Gift Wrap:** The chapter's month-long gift wrap fundraiser ran Nov 29–Dec 24 at the main Base Exchange and is finished for another year. Thanks to POCs Derick Heflin and Brian Brewer it was a huge success again. The tremendous efforts of 262 volunteers working a grand total of 1,183 hours manning the booth 12 hours daily, 7 days a week resulted in fantabulous net proceeds. **(Item Open).**
- E. Recruiting:** Trustee Derick Heflin discussed upcoming recruiting improvements to include slide updates, venue changes and updated EC on current recruiting efforts. **(Item Open).**
- F. AFSA APP:** Div 3 President Lutzen emailed that the AFSA app is now available on Google; and also an Apple app. President Terry Turner sent an announcement of these features and the links to download via our list server. **(Item Open).**
- G. Red Andrews Annual Christmas Dinner:** 4 chapter volunteers helped make up the nearly 1,000 volunteers that prepared and served over 6,000 meals for at for a successful Annual Red Andrews Christmas Dinner. The volunteers worked from 8:00AM to 3:00PM. This year, thousands of people, young and old, showed up for a hot meal, toys and a photo with Santa Clause. **(Item Closed).**
- H. Welcome Reception 552 ACW Commander Chief:** The event is planned for January 29, 2014 at the Tinker Club 1500-1700. VP (Sel) Zachary Merkl will be the MC (sample script provided). Invites will be sent out to DV's **(Item Open).**
- I. PTSD Program:** Great volunteer opportunity to help our returning deployers. More information will be given out for opportunities to participate. **(Item Open).**
- J. Budget:** Trustee Mary Rokita gave a comprehensive briefing of AFSA Chapter 985 Budget for year 2013. Motion to accept, Trustee Tim Ossinger, 2nd by Trustee Jeffrey Echererry motion passed.
- K. Standing Rules:** President Terry Turner briefed the standing rules for AFSA Chapter 985. Motion to accept, Trustee Don Sullivan, 2nd by Trustee Tim Ossinger, motion passed.
- L. Awards:** NCO of the Year, and Airmen of the Quarter awards, are soon to come, further details will be given.
- M. Annual 2013 AFSA Team Tinker:** Trustee Charity Dice will complete the 2013 Annual AFSA Team Tinker Report along with Trustee Rachael Long and Trustee Don Sullivan.

3. New Business:

- A.** Trustee Don Sullivan presented on behalf of an advocate supporter, Retired TSgt Dwaine Chapter a lifetime Member, an ABU Cover Photo Album to President Terry Turner.
- B.** President Terry Turner presented Trustee Mary Rokitka and Trustee Tim Ossinger with coins to recognize their dedication and support to AFSA Charter 985.

- C. Trustee Trenell Brown motioned a donation of \$150 in efforts to help support the African American Heritage Luncheon. Motion to accept Treasurer Mary Rokitka 2nd by Tim Ossinger, motion passed.
- D. AFSA Chapter 985 Installation Ceremony: Newly installed executive members being sworn in should be present at the February 13th 2014 GM meeting.
4. President Terry Turner reminded to please make sure you sign in on the sheet at the back of the room before you leave.
5. **Door Prize Winners:** Kay Pivnec, Clayton Moore, Frederick Schlag, Chris Griffen, Erika Flint.
6. President Terry Turner asked for comments around the room, there being none, Trustee Don Sullivan motioned to adjourn, seconded by Treasurer Mary Rokitka adjourned at: 12:46 hours.

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Latoya Irving, Secretary

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Terry Turner, President